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SALUTE TO BRITAIN



Salute to Britain!

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AND
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Civic Auditorium, Winnipeg

APRIL 24TH, 1941

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Salute to Britain!

Nothing could better symbolize the unity of Canada than the great rally of Canadians in the Auditorium Thursday night.

Meeting under the noble and inspiring banner "Salute to Britain", Canadians from 18 different national groups will pledge anew a united Canada's love, loyalty and devotion to the great Defender of Liberty the heart of the Empire which is Britain.

In song and speech Britain will be honoured tonight by many hundreds who never saw her and who shall measure the power of their devotion to strengthen and sustain her in her glorious fight?

It was a particularly happy thought that prompted the organizers of "Salute to Britain" to choose this week (in which Englishmen everywhere honour the memory of St. George) for this gesture of spontaneous affection that will not readily be forgotten.

With them we say "Salute to Britain!" and honour to all who, whatever their racial origin, stand shoulder to shoulder with her in the epic struggle for Freedom.

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We join with you, Canadians All, in your sincere and loyal tribute to the greatness and valor, of the British people in its great struggle to crush the foe of civilization.

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Salute to Britain!

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CANADIAN'S ALL PARTICIPATING:
"SALUTE TO BRITAIN" RALLY AND CONCERT
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Thursday, April 24th, at 8 p.m.

American	French	Netherlands
Armenian	Greek	Norwegian
Belgian	Hungarian	Polish
Coloured Race	Icelandic	Swedish
Czecho-Slovakian	Jewish	Syrian
Danish	Jugoslavian	Ukrainian

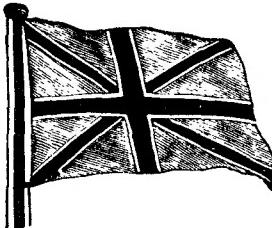
Programme

The band of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry
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O CANADA

2. March — Democracy for Ever Fleming.
3. Selection — The Rose Meddleter
4. Reminiscences of Greig Godfrey.
5. Chairman's Remarks Dr. Robert Fletcher.
6. Icelandic Male Voice Choir
 "The Death of King Sverrir" S. Svernbjornsson.
 Arranged and Conducted by Ragnar H. Ragnar.
7. Coloured Group
 "Vocal Solo — Suwanee River" Bill Moore.
8. Norwegian Violin Quartette
 "Greig Fantasy" John O. Norrhagen, Conductor.
9. Finnish Group.
 Vocal Solo — Ma Oksalla Ylimmallia Miss Gladys Cullen.



Canadians All!

Canada is a siren and a mother a temptress and a sister. For Canada has lured people from every part of Europe, and then, unlike a siren, she has taken them into her family, into the shelter of her home.

From the plains of the Ukraine to the fjords of Norway, new Canadians have come. They have planted their roots in Canada. Now in Canada's hour of trial, they stand by Canada. Canada shall always be "glorious and free!"

Canadians all, they salute England on St. George's Day. They pray for victory for St. George's Cross. They reaffirm their loyalty to the Crown, to Canada.

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Programme Continued

10. French Group.

La Priere — from the Opera "Le Cid" by Jules Massenet.

Mr. J. A. Pilon, Tenor. W. Gordon McLean, Accompanist.

Divinite du Styx—from the Opera "Alceste" Gluck.

Mme. Simone Etsell, Vocalist. Chester Duncan, Accompanist.

11. Jewish Community Choir.

(a) Psalm XXX:— A Song to the Dedication of the House of David.

"I will extol thee O Lord for thou hast drawn me up
and hast not made my foes rejoice over me".

Music by Gedalia Grossman. Conducted by M. Jacob.

(b) We Bring You a Song. Leo Low.

Conducted by B. Brownstone Accompanist, Miss Ann Wright

12. GUEST SPEAKER SIR ROBERT CLIVE, G.C.M.G.

13. Ukrainian Mixed Choir.

(a) Ukrainians in Canada.

(b) We Must Fight for Democracy.

Composed and Directed by Prof. E. Turula.

14. Polish Mail Voice Choir.

National Folk Songs Conducted by P. T. Andree.

15. Greek Group.

My Old Dream Mrs. E. E. Cholakis, Vocalist.

16. RESOLUTION

17. Jugoslavian Group.

(a) March "Banovatz" Tamburitza Orchestra.

(b) Croatian Folk Melodies. Tamburitza Orchestra.

18. Swedish Group.

(a) "Fragrance" Prince Gustav.

(b) Jamtland's Polska. Arranged by Freda Simonson.

Piano Solo by Miss Freda Simonson.

19. Czecho-Slovakian Group.

Violin Solo — Humoresque. Dvorak.

Miss Rose Zacek, Violinist.

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*Canadians of many national and ethnic origins join
in paying tribute to the glorious heroism
of the British people*

American

"SALUTE TO BRITAIN"

The American Legion, Department of Canada, feels highly honored to be privileged on this occasion to send its greetings and best wishes to those responsible for the "Salute to Britain" Week, and to join with others throughout Canada in this worthy effort to hearten the brave people of Britain in one of the most crucial periods of their history.

Today, Britain is engaged in a bitter and heroic struggle to save democracy and Christian civilization for the World, from destruction by Hitler's hordes of heathens.

Our Organization is made up of U.S. Veterans of the first World War, in which we like many of you "fought to make the World safe for democracy". Most of us have become convinced that Britain is America's first line of defence.

We, Ex-Service men of the United States who have had the privilege of living in Canada, can truthfully attest that freedom of the individual under the Union Jack is as great as under the Star Spangled Banner, which for over 150 years has waved so proudly as a symbol of liberty, justice and democracy for all. We are, therefore justifiably proud of our adopted Country.

The American Legion with over one million members in the 11,000 Posts, was built on the basic principle that right should be the master of might and that it should strive to safeguard justice, freedom and democracy and to promote peace and good-will on earth.

For these reasons, I am pleased on behalf of my Comrades of the American Legion, Department of Canada to "Salute Britain" and to extend the hope that everyone of us will be able to capture Prime Minister Winston Churchill's magnificent spirit and that President Roosevelt will be able to "deliver the tools to finish the job" of smashing Hitlerism.

God grant that our two great Countries standing together may be able to bring permanent peace to the World.

Long live BRITAIN and DEMOCRACY.

Signed C. H. KIPP

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Armenian

Although the boundaries of this country are but an obscured line on the map of today, Mount Ararat is still watching majestically over its historic territory with the firm belief that Armenia will rise again.

What other nation could be more qualified to judge the fairness of the British Empire than the Sons of England, who over a period of centuries have, either by volition or compulsion lived under various flags of the world.

We salute you, Great Britain, because we know that you have reverence for the individual's rights.

We are small in number, but great in appreciation for the freedom, which we generously enjoy under the Union Jack.

Our sons at the battlefield are proudly wearing the King's uniform, and we at home shall do our share to safe-guard the Democracy.

"There'll always be an England", because millions of people all over the world appreciate its greatness.

J. H. Mooradian,

Representing the Armenian community.

Belgian

The Belgian population of Western Canada, together with the representatives of other foreign nations, pay tribute to the unequalled bravery and to the undaunted spirit of the English people in the face of the most tragic ordeal of all times.

All of us join in the vigorous struggle which will lead to victory of right over might, of benevolence over tyranny, of liberty over slavery.

To the peerless Prime Minister of England, the Right Honourable Winston Churchill, and to the gallant English people we wish: fortitude, perseverance and victory!

Czecho-Slovakian

The sons and daughters of Czechoslovakia who live in Canada are proud to join this "Salute to Britain". They do so in a dual capacity: firstly, as Canadians, proud of the land of their adoption, and loyal to its tradition and heritage; and secondly, as Czechoslovaks, nurtured in those very ideals of freedom and democracy which the British Empire is striving to preserve to-day.

Canadians of Czechoslovak origin cannot forget that one of the first pledges given by Britain at the outbreak of the war was that a Britain victory would witness the restoration to Czechoslovakia of her national freedom. They recognize that the fate of their homeland is linked with the fate of Britain. And in this hour of crisis their thoughts go out to Britain, and they pray that the Lord of Hosts may be with her now and forever more in the great battle for the Right.

Czechoslovak Group.

The Icelandic Constituency in Winnipeg, comprising the organizations named below most heartily joins in the Salute to Britain program:

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"HEIMSKRINGLA"
An Icelandic Weekly Newspaper, Founded in 1886

"LOGBERG"
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"SAMEININGIN"
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THE ICELANDIC MALE VOICE CHOIR
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THE ICELANDIC CHILDREN'S CHOIR,
R. H. Ragnar, Conductor. (1936)

THE ICELANDIC SATURDAY SCHOOL

Danish

To their Majesties, the King and Queen; their government, and the people of Great Britain.

We, Canadians of Danish descent in Winnipeg, wish to express our profound admiration, for the great courage, fortitude, and determination shown by the British people, their leaders and fighting forces, in this tremendous struggle against barbarism and aggression.

It is our firm belief that with their Allies they will achieve ultimate and complete victory so that mankind throughout the world may enjoy lasting peace and the freedom of Democracy as enjoyed within the British Commonwealth of Nations to-day.

Finnish

After a gigantic struggle against her sixty times larger foe, little Finland is gradually recovering from her bloody battles of a year ago. We have felt the blows of that iron fist, which aims to throw the world back to the dark ages.

Our ancient, liberty-loving people are with hope and confidence looking up to you, knowing that you shall emerge victoriously from your struggle with the mighty enemy of Democracy.

The courage with which you and your illustrious leaders are battling savagery and barbarism is a soothing inspiration to saddened hearts.

Millions and again millions are praying for your victory. Freedom and ultimate happiness is your guiding torch. May God Bless You!

Long Live Britain!

French

"At no time in her history, in spite of appearances, has the French Nation been closer to the British Nation, in mind and in heart". In spite of the mass of suffering which has befallen her, France still keeps alive her hope in common victory.

"One should not fail to sense the deep esteem in which a whole nation holds your wonderful people. This adhesion of the whole French nation denotes that she entertains the profound conviction that Great Britain and France are bound together for life and death by the one and same fate and ideal".

(From a speech by General de Gaulle)

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Greek

On this St. George's Day, men, women and children of Greek origin and descent residing in Canada join in a "Salute to Britain" and offer our devotion, eager admiration and encouragement on this day of historic crisis.

Greece, the Mother of Democracy, and the rest of the democratic and freedom-loving people of the world unite in prayer that Great Britain, the Defender and Guardian of Liberty and Justice for one thousand years, continue to carry the torch of freedom which they hold on high and may the symbol of St. George with drawn swords be as inspiring to-day as the cross of St. Constantine was to Greece in defending Christianity.

Hungarian

We, the Hungarian member of the Canadian Brotherhood of Nationalities consider it our privilege to salute Britain.

We feel that this just gives us an opportunity to declare again that we are wholeheartedly taking part in all that Britain is fighting for — now and after this great struggle.

Better than many others do we understand what Democracy is and what it is standing for, because it is part of the Hungarian character to fight for Freedom.

And while we are watching with grave anxiety the turbulent happenings across the seas, which are beyond our control — we Hungarians here in this country stand by the British Cause with all our means and might.

Many a youngster of ours is honored to serve in the forces, and every single one of us is doing whatever there is in our power, to make this Canada the Land of the Future.

And so we proudly convey a cordial Hungarian Canadian Salute to Britain.

Icelandic

Thirty thousand Icelanders in Canada salute Britain, and her brave defenders of freedom. The Icelanders have always been lovers of freedom. They established the first republic north of the Alps, and enjoyed the fruits of that adventure until they were subjected to foreign rulers who imposed their dictatorship on the nation. After centuries of struggle, wielding only the sword of the spirit, the Icelanders have not attained full sovereignty. In the nineteenth century large numbers of these people moved to Canada seeking a more abundant life. This they found, and have now become an integral part of the Dominion. They appreciate the democratic way of life, and the privileges they enjoy under the British flag. In the last great war they demonstrated unquestionably their loyalty to the land of their adoption. The decades since past have only increased their determination to serve with a single mind the Canadian institutions of freedom.

ICELANDIC NATIONAL LEAGUE,

By V. J. Eylands, Secretary.

*Ukrainian Canadian Committee
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Jewish

We, the Jews of the British Commonwealth of Nations, join our brothers of all races and creeds, in paying tribute to the incomparable bravery of Britain, the Motherland of freedom and democracy.

Together with all others we place at the Empire's service in the defence of the fundamental rights of freedom and of human brotherhood, all that is ours.

In what now seems the days of long ago, during the South African campaign, Colonel A. E. Goldsmid gave expression to the thought which have always been and will always remain ours.

"Loyalty to the flag for which the sun once stood still, can only deepen our devotion to the flag on which the sun never sets."

Throughout the years that Jews have lived in the Empire they have felt keen pride in the opportunity to serve in Britain's armies and in Britain's service that the ideals of Empire might be perpetuated for all time to come.

Writing in London in 1900, Alice Lucas portrayed the Jewish viewpoint in words equally valid today.

THE JEWISH SOLDIER

*"Mother England, Mother England, 'mid the thousands
Far beyond the sea to-day,
Doing battle for thy honour, for thy glory,
Is there place for us, a little band of brothers?
England, say!"*

*"Long ago and far away, O Mother England,
We were warriors brave and bold;
But a hundred nations rose in arm against us,
And the shades of exile closed o'er those heroic
Days of old.*

*"Thou hast given us home and freedom, Mother England.
Thou hast let us live again,
Free and fearless, 'midst thy free and fearless children,
Sharing with them, as one people, grief and gladness,
Joy and pain.*

*"For the Jew has heart and hand, our Mother England,
And they both are thine to-day —
Thine for life and thine for death — yea, thine for ever!
Wilt thou take them as we give them, freely, gladly?
England, say!"*

Jugoslavian

No people appreciate the liberty and individual privileges of which Canadian citizenship is the assurance, more than the Jugoslavs who have made their homes in the Dominion. While in all they do not number more than 20,000 — Croatians, Serbs and Slovenes — they are to be found in every branch of the Canadian Active Service Forces.

For centuries the people of Jugoslavia fought for the independence and sovereignty to which she has attained, and which is now ruthlessly challenged by a tyrannical foe. With their historic courage and a righteous sense of justice, the people of that little nation — our Homeland — have answered the aggressors, and are now defending their nation and their honour on the battle field. It may be the path of "blood and tears" as Churchill puts it, but so dark a crime as that committed by the Axis must be avenged, and please God, it will. Jugoslavia is not alone — the mighty British Empire is on her side; the gallant people of Greece, who already put Italy to shame and confusion, are with her; and so is the great American Democracy. Lovers of freedom the world over will pray and work for a Slavic victory.

God Save the King,

Croats, Serbs, Slovenes.

Netherlands

"We, the Holland Christian Reformed Church, and as such representing a great part of our countrymen in Canada, feel it our privilege; that we herewith may declare our loyalty and admiration to Canada and the British Empire.

We do not think it necessary to bring to the foreground, the fact that the country of our birth, as a whole, is on the side of "the Cause".

We do not need to advertise; that our army, navy and air force are working hand in hand with the British, and are highly thought of, also; that our Colonies are supplying many of the needed raw materials and that a Holland army unit is forming in Canada.

But, what we do, is, thank our God, that He has established the British Empire as the cornerstone of freedom and pray Him, to bless the endeavors of the spearhead of democracy, so that we may break the forces of evil as materialised in the dictatorial states,,

Norwegian

From time immemorial our ancestors in the rock-bound land of Norway have been known for their love of freedom and justice.

The Norwegians of this Dominion share this sense of justice and love of liberty. We realize that the fundamental law of democratic states, government of the people, by the people and for the people, is the inalienable right of mankind.

Against these principles today are arrayed mighty forces of despotism and darkness.

But there are mighty forces too, on the side of light and liberty. We hail Great Britain, leader of free lands and of men whose hearts are still free though their lands lie under the oppressor's heel. We are proud to be a part of the great Commonwealth of British Nations and as Norsemen we affirm our belief in the final victory of Britain and her allies and the restoration once more to mankind of the priceless gifts of freedom of citizenship and religion.

Polish

We Canadians — British subjects — of Polish descent stand united and proud in respectful salute to Great Britain, at all times the country of all countries which loaned the term "British justice" to all honorable men and which now is carrying on so nobly, bravely and efficiently as a heroic vanguard defending treasured liberty and Christian culture of all defenceless nations.

We salute Their Majesties our King and Queen, for whom we have the highest admiration as they move among their stricken people.

We salute the greatest of all living Englishmen, Winston Churchill, under whose indomitable spirit and distinguished and proven genius, courage and hope of victory is maintained even in the weakest.

We salute the Royal Navy, the R.A.F. and the active land Forces who bear the brunt of the fight, and are ever vigilant and most anxious to uphold the glorious traditions of the past with "There'll always be an England" on their lips.

We salute the Londoners and all the English men, women and children who so bravely bear the discomforts of blackouts, alert and sight of destruction and death around them.

We join you, and pledge all possible voluntary sacrifices and pray: "May God bless England and her brave sons and daughters and quicken the coming day of a glorious victory".

For Canadians of Polish Descent:
Reverend I. E. Zielonka,

Representing The Associated Poles of Canada.
Mr. P. T. Andree,

Representing the Federation of
Polish Societies in Canada.

Dr. Frank Sedziak,
Representing the Polish National
Relief and Defence Committee in Canada.

Swedish

In this mad race between Civilization and Barbarism your island home has become the beacon from which radiates that Light which shall guide the course of all Free Men throughout the world.

To you this conflict is but a renewal of that long struggle of Right against Wrong, of Freedom against Tyranny, of Constitutional Government against Usurpation.

We know you will not fail, for the moral fibre of your people draws its unyielding strength from the virtues of integrity, justice, tolerance and mercy.

Behind you is a glorious and hard worn tradition — a tradition forever associated with the names of illustrious Englishmen whose lives and work have culminated in the British Commonwealth of Nations, and whose vision looked forward to that noble ideal of the Brotherhood of Man.

To you Democracy is neither a catch word nor a new thing. You have developed its principles from your early English Village Fook Moot to the maturity of your British Parliament. The vigor of that growth owes much to the qualities you have inherited from this land of the Vikings.

Under the indomitable courage of your great leader Winston Churchill you will succeed in making your high ideals real.

WE SALUTE BRITAIN!

WE SALUTE CHURCHILL!

Ukrainian

Ukrainian Canadians take this opportunity to express their sincere and hearty salute to Great Britain, their new and free Fatherland, which they wholeheartedly love and of which they are justly proud.

The Ukrainians under the British Crown have found in Canada that liberty, equality and fraternity, which in their native land were taken away from them by foreign oppressors, the enemies of democracy and of the freedom of nation.

The Ukrainians therefore, value their freedom and privileges more sincerely than those nationalities, who have not experienced the loss of their independence. For this reason the Ukrainians give all their strength to the victory of Great Britain and defeat of the dictators, for freedom of the individual and of nations.

The Ukrainians who love their adopted Fatherland, Canada, and who fulfill their highest obligations of citizenship by means of their property and life, at the same time do not for a moment forget their enslaved brothers in their native lands, and cherish the sole hope that only victory for Great Britain in this war will also bring liberation for the Ukrainian nation. Victory, therefore, for Great Britain is doubly wished and dear to the Ukrainians.

God save the King!

Long live Great Britain! Long live Canada!

Long live victorious Democracy!



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